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A CAPELLA TO BROADCAST TODAY

The A Cappella choir under the direction of Mr. Ewing will sing over station WJOB on December 21. More first sopranos were needed for the occasion and Carol Barmore, Gretta Lou Hartley, Claire Maloney, Joan Stuhlmacher, and Joan Dunn were chosen to join the A Cappella for this program.

F.F.A. RIBBONS TO BE ON DISPLAY SOON

Display cards for ribbons received by the Crown Point Future Farmers of America at the 1950 corn show will be made in the near future and exhibited in one of the windows in the main corridor by Mr. Dean and the F. F. A. boys.

CAMERA CLUB SEE CHRISTMAS FILM

On December 12, Mr. Dean and the Camera Club enjoyed a slide film about the making of Xmas Cards from snap shots.

More slide films of various kinds will be shown in the future.

DEBATORS COMPETE AT EAST CHICAGO

Last Wednesday CPHS sub-varsity debate team met the teams from Washington and Roosevelt at Roosevelt. The result was two losses for C.P.

January 9th the varsity debators will participate in the first Metropolitan Debate Union meet at George Rogers Clark in Hammond. This is the first of a series of M.D.U. meets with top schools both in Indiana and Illinois.

Another individual speech meet is also scheduled shortly after the return to school

F.F.A. CONTINUE PEST CONTEST

At the last F. F. A. meeting the sixth period class challenged the fourth in the pest control contest. The loser of the contest has to give the other class a party with all the expenses paid when the contest ends February 16. The sixth period class containing recently initiated green hands is ahead of the fourth period class at present. Jim Becker leads the boys in the contest. Mr. Dean announces that a prize will be awarded to the fellows with the highest number of points.

C.P. BASKETBALL RESERVE TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

The C. P. Reserve string was victorious last Saturday night in the annual Reserve Tournament at the Community Building. They began by defeating the Griffith Panthers in the opening game at 1:15 P.M. by a score of 40 to 35. The Hobart Brickies beat the Lowell Devils in the second game leaving C.P. and Hobart battling for the championship on Saturday evening at 8:15. C.P. came out on the top of the 50 to 22 score.

Ralph Skoog was high point man in the Griffith game with a total of 11 points, but Jerry Johnston topped Ralph in the Hobart game with a total of 15 points. Bob Meadows, Ed Zellers, Bob Wise, Ralph Skoog, and Jerry Johnston were the starting five for both games. A disappointingly small number of fans viewed the Reserve team triumph.

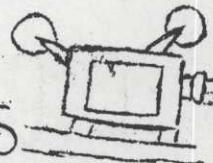
AN X-MAS

MESSAGE

FOR ALL

The Administration wishes each and every student of CPHS a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FILM FOOTNOTES



Greetings! No doubt part of your Christmas vacation will include a movie or two. Well, here are a few items of interest on the forthcoming movies.

The Bowery boys, complete with Slip and Satch will be the center of attraction in "Triple Trouble", playing at the Palace Theatre on the 22, 23, and the 24. The co-hit will be "High Lonesome" with Chill Wills and John Barrymore, Jr.

Betty Hutton and Fred Astaire will be the marquee names for "Let's Dance", showing at the Palace, Sunday and Monday. Paramount has put together a pleasant gay, technicolor musical, sprinkled with laughs, slapstick and some funny dialogue that is sure to please your ear for music as well as hit your funnybone in the right place.

"Rio Grande" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara is in my opinion the best picture of all those to be shown in the next two weeks. This picture is supposed to be the most expensive picture ever turned out by Republic Studios. The story deals with Colonel Wayne whose son Claude has failed at West Point and who, on enlisting, is assigned to his father's command. This is truly another John Ford masterpiece and I am sure that it is a picture that you will enjoy. It will play December 28 and 29.

KNOW YOUR SCHOOL

This is the second article in a series discussing the school administration and how it functions. We first talked about the School Board and now we shall continue with the Superintendent of Schools.

The Superintendent of Schools

TIE TROT

(AN EXCLUSIVE)

Have you heard about the conceited moron who never wore a tie because he always wanted to win? You should have been at the Tie-Trot last Friday night. At that dance was congregated the greatest number of tie-goons in the history of cravats.

J.m Beck was crowned "King of Cravats". He had everything on that tie from the bathroom plunger to the kitchen sink. He had to bring the thing "in a wheelbarrow and when he got it to the Community Building, Mr. Reprogle made him bring it in to the gym by way of the furnace Room. Mr. Reprogle said, "Anything that dropped off I could use as fuel for my furnace."

Marty Dalton was crowned "The Queen of the Fore-in-Hand." After she had won, she did, too. She had four boys in each hand. Ah, yes, such is the price of glory.

"Barney" Barnacastle had a creation about 10 feet long. No more linen at "Barney's". He'll have to buy a new sheet, because his family doesn't have a table-cloth now.

Joel Mikuta had the original thing adorning his neck. He had a fore-in-hand tie, full length, with clever sayings etc. pinned on.

As for me, I took a railroad spike--you think I could carry one of those ties by myself?

who is appointed by the School Board as the executive head of all schools, is charged with carrying out the policies of the Board. It is his duty to see that adequate personnel is employed to teach the students and that a program of studies is followed to meet state requirements. He is charged with general supervision of all school facilities within the school corporation limits.

Read more about your school administration in the next issue.

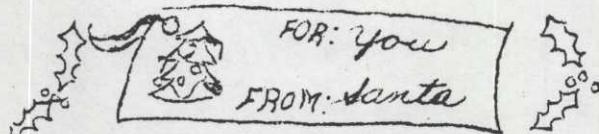
CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL
CROWN POINT, IND.

Mr. Santa Claus
Mistletoe Lane
North Pole

Dear Santa,

The students of Crown Point High have been thinking hard and most of them have finally decided what they would like for Christmas. Here are just a few of the orders.

Al Hurst would like a '28 Cadillac convertible with a green top and Dorthea Petrovich wants a gold plated Cadillac with Miss Lauterbur for chauffeur. Ronnie Frey and Bill Sullivan both want motor scooters. Bill wants one so the girls will chase him and Ronnie wants one so he can chase the girls. Janice Everett says she can use the \$3 Jackie E. has owed her since last Christmas. A date with a blond freshman called Pat Kuiper would make John Straka very happy. Dora Wood and Mary Huppenthal want automatic home work machines (preferably boys.) For the practical Miss McKenzie, \$600 to pay off the year book debt would fill the bill. A gas pump that will keep a certain gray Chevy full is all Kathy Stiener wants. John Smead says just any girl will do but John Friend is fussy. He wants a 5' 4" blond. Maybe you can find one in Lowell, Santa. Another out-of-town order is for Dick Peterson who wants a sophomore from Tolleston. That must mean C. P. has lost another available bachelor. Mr. Snider wants a few ties and some stockings. Three quarts of Lesnorsmorfuls is Joel Mikuta's order--he says it's something to celebrate New Year's Eve with. Gene Beauchamp wants a typewriter for Christmas. Maybe he's going to type his love letters now. Beverly Roberts orders "something" 5' 10", black hair, and blue eyes, --a man, for instance. Tom Platt says that in your special magazine he was a Marlin 30/30 that's fine for shoot-



What are your friends getting you for Chrsitmas and what would you like? For some of you it may be well to try not to think about it. For instance, DONNA GLASSFORD is giving MR. SCALES some hair tonic. JOAN SCOTT is presenting to DARLENE CARL a piece of tape so she can keep her mouth shut. BARBARA JOENS wants a "BARR" trap for that certain boy.

PAT LANEY wants one of EDDIE CUTSHAW'S size 14 socks so Santa can fill it with a special senior

LAVERGNE BROOKS is giving LYLE a coat to keep him warm on dates--anyway, that's what LYLE said.

ELWYN BUCHE wants some CANDY kisses--and not the edible ones. GEMMA BRANDT is giving JOY SHIMKO a piece of paper so she can have MAC'S truces in writing.

BETTY JAEGER, the grammarian, is giving "Nuthin' to nobody!" RITA SCOTT is giving MR. and MRS. LOCKWOOD a picture of AL because they hardly see him anymore.

JEANNE ANDERSON wants a scale that is numbered up to twenty lbs. and no more.

ting teachers in the brush. Gordon Gerdт wants Gwen Harmon and Gwen wants "Bill", all wrapped up. Maybe you can fix a compromise. Kenny Kane and Bob Blinn could use help in algebra and Stan Barr and Pat Donely are looking for something to keep them out of trouble. (Well?) Georgene Schmal is too big to play with dolls but a teddy bear on her bed would be nice. Don Hedges says he would be very happy to find a stocking full of freshman girls on his fire place Christmas morning.

You may find some of these orders hard to fill on such short notice but we know you will do your best.

Merry Christmas, Santa,
The Inkling Staff



MISTLETOE

Once again Christmas is here with its decorations of holly, bells, ribbons, trees, presents, mistletoe and greeting cards.

Most of us know why we decorate with holly and ribbons; why we give gifts and ring bells; but do you know where the customs of mistletoe and Christmas cards originated?

In ancient times mistletoe was regarded by a certain race of people to be sacred, especially when it was found growing on an oak tree.

It was believed to bring happiness, safety and good fortune as long as it did not touch the ground; perhaps this is why we hang mistletoe in the window, over the door or on the chandelier.

Centuries ago mistletoe was thought to have all-healing properties.

In the Saturnalia (an ancient ceremony of the pagans), the mistletoe played a very prominent part. From this ceremony came the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe which has been handed down to modern times.

Although Christmas cards do not date back as far as mistletoe, they have a very interesting history.

The earliest known holiday greeting card was printed in 1450 in Germany. It showed the Christ Child, holy angels, and the Holy Mother in an ancient gallery.

Almost three centuries ago English schoolboys composed and decorated pieces of paper which were called "Christmas pieces". These were sent to friends and relatives.

In 1842 William M. Egley, a 16 year old engraver apprentice in London, ran off 100 copies and sent them to friends.

The "Father of the American Christmas Card" was Prang, a wood engraver. Prang came to this country in 1850 and saved \$250, enough to open a lithographic

MODERN ROME

Entering Room 3 of the Community Building, Dec. 12, I was very much surprised to see four people of the Julius Caesar era. Closer examination showed that they were only Ann Hathaway, Dorothea Petrovich, Al Teagle, and Jim Lettsinger dressed for the initiation of the new members and officers of the SPQR (Latin) Club.

During the ceremony the new officers were reminded of the responsibility of their officers and especially the trustworthiness required in the office of treasurer. (Last year's treasurer disappeared after the discovery that 37¢ was missing.)

The excitement of the coming initiation party had so occupied the minds of the party committee that they neglected to plan entertainment and remembered only the food! (Thank heaven they didn't forget the food!!)

After everyone had third and fourth helpings of food, Miss Swartz decided to see who was the "Master" of the Latin Club----the honorary members of the 1951 members. Ann Hathaway (representing the honorary members) out lasted Ann Tullis (representing the 1951 members.) The honorary members were named "Masters" of the club.

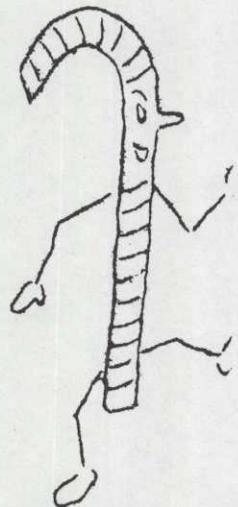
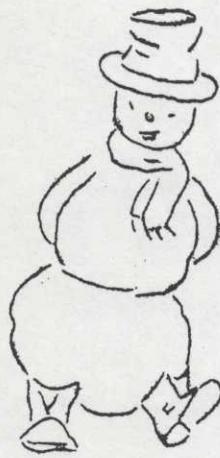
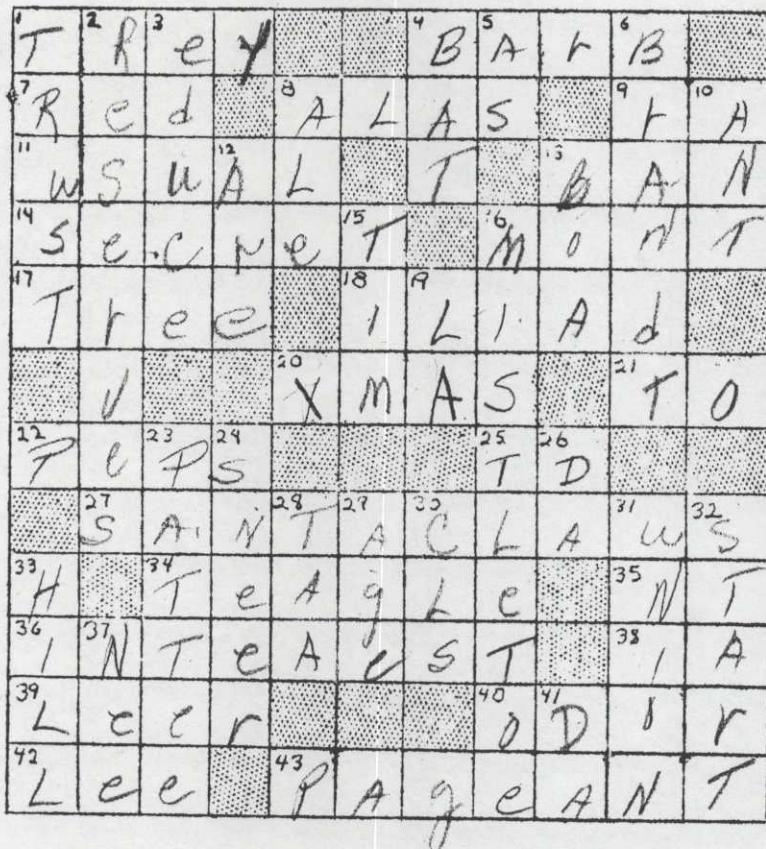
Dick Patterson seemed to be having trouble identifying Joan Teagle in a game of "blindman's bluff". As 9:00 p.m. rolled around and all basketball boys started to leave. (Since all those handsome boys left I decided to leave too.)

shop. In 1875 he issued the first line of Christmas Cards ever published in this country. Today his prints are museum pieces.

Nearly a billion and a half Christmas Cards will be used this year.

Although Christmas Cards have varied designs, the most popular are holly, poinsettia, lighted candles, glittering Christmas trees, churches, and snowy country roads.

JOY'S PUZZLE PAGE



HORIZONTAL

1. Three spot (cards)
4. ---- Joens
7. Christmas color
8. Exclamation expressing grief
9. Sun god
11. Ordinary
13. Prohibit
14. Something hidden
16. 220 lb. senior guard-football
17. What we trim soon
18. Greek epic poem (Homer)
20. Abbr. for coming holiday
21. Sign of the infinitive
22. Stimulates (Slang)
25. Tom Dickerman (initials)
27. He's coming to town
34. Junior Class President
35. Not (contraction)
36. To engage the attention of
38. Iowa (abbr.)
39. A sly look
40. Scent
42. Confederate general
43. Tableau

VERTICAL

1. Confidence
2. Team kept for special use
3. To bring out
4. Used in baseball
5. Because
6. Pres of Girl's Bowling League
8. Malt beverage
10. Emmet
12. Part of to be
13. A crushing snake
15. This senior boy's brother is a sophomore
16. Christmas decoration
19. Note of the scale
23. Dunn's favorite
24. Scoff
26. District attorney (abbr.)
28. Slang for sailor
29. Era
30. Cedar Lake School (initials)
31. State of being united
32. Begin
33. "Delicate daughter" in senior play
37. Born
41. District Attorney (abbr.)

(LOOK FOR THE SOLUTION ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE!)



CHIRPS FROM AN EARLY BIRD.

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YOUR MYSTERY REPORTER

It is 7 o'clock as I look up this long, lonely hall. What's this,— a hall monitor so early in the morning??? No, it's only our one and only R.V.S., Roberta Van Slyke, working on another Dr. Christian story. It seems she has written three other stories for the same program, but none were accepted. Good luck, Roberta, on this one.

Well, I see Donald Anderson down the hall protecting his locker from all those pestering boys. And here comes Vernon (lover boy) Sergent with George "true or false" Adams high tailing it after him. I'm not sure how George got that name, but I am sure Peggy Greer or Mary Hann does.

Well---here comes Miss McKenzie.
She must believe in the old saying "The early bird gets the work done first."

For heaven sake, what's this--
Don Shearer and Al Doty finding
out how our school works. Since
when are you fellows ELECTRICIANS

Look who just came in!!! Yep, you guessed it---Gene Beauchamp. And look who's with him--Maureen O'Sullivan. Could be something brewing, but I doubt it cause I think Maureen has her eye set for that cute junior, Don Dedmon.

Oh, look across the hall---see that boy and girl over there? The girl is Beverly Roberts and the boy is Glenn Adams. If both have the time, they tell each other the latest jokes. Don't believe it though, some of those jokes are as old as the hills. I read the book that he got most of them from.

Well, there goes the 8:00 bell
and since we should be out of the
hall at that time I shall depart
until next time. GOOD MORNING,
7 P. M. FERS.



AN INTERVIEW WITH SANTA CLAUS

BY ED DICKE RMAN

"What? A few words for publication? Well--I'm pretty busy, but I guess I can spare the time. Just what would you like to know, something about our preparations for Christmas? Well, first we have to attend to the--pardon me while I answer the phone, will you? Hello? Charlie? Found a guy to sell us all those front teeth, huh? Good. Say, are Bill and Harry doing much? I could use a little more padding in that sleigh--sure. You remember I ate off the mantel for a week after Christmas last year--yeah. Those air pockets really toss you around. Did you make sure they aren't putting any jack-in-the-boxes in the pack this year? Last year on that long hop over Greenland I opened the bag--you remember, huh? Say, is my coat at the cleaners yet? Good. Those awful chimneys--thanks. Oh, would you mind checking my compass--I'm due at a store in Chicago in half an hour. I hope I don't forget to order that cover for Rudolph's nose--you'll have my lunch ready when I come by won't you--sure, same as always, crackers and warm milk. Thanks a lot, Charlie. So long.

"Say, reporter, are you leaving so soon? Got your story, huh? Well, glad to be of help. Sure, any time."

—CLUB AND CLASS—

The usual sight around C. P. H. S. this past week has been a girl accepting an invitation or a boy rejecting an invitation to the Sunshine-Hi-Y semi-formal Christmas dance. Have you heard that Mr. Snider is quoted as saying, "Maybe there will be a 14 piece orchestra, so why not get a date and enjoy yourself? Don't forget, girls, this is your chance."

If you happened to hear some of the senior girls complaining, or feeling sorry for themselves last Wednesday, it was because the senior G. A. A. volleyball team lost to the fifth period gym class by approximately 10 points. The seniors say that this was just a practice game, and the carnival is what really counts. I certainly don't want to be scorer for that game!

Last Tuesday was the night for the annual Latin Club party and initiation. Pat Laney, Joan Smith, Reider Frederixon, and Jim Letsinger said that they really enjoyed seeing others go through the initiation which they had to undergo in previous years. Anne Bowers, Connie Doty, Dave Elliot and Doris Teagle, as well as the others agree that a grand time was had by all, but it will be more fun next year when it is their turn.

Speech class members have been giving various speeches for special occasions—speeches of introduction, tribute, presentation, nomination, and award. Bill Dankart received a great deal of applause after delivering a speech of special award in honor of Miss Swartz!

If you happened to be passing the door of room six home room Thursday you may have heard "Happy Birthday," which was sung by the seniors to Duke Hein. Duke was rather surprised, and didn't know what to say for a change!

Now that the Student Council Christmas decorations are nearly finished we would like to say how

nice they look. When the trapplings over the Study Hall door are completed, in case you haven't already guessed, it will be a fire-place. Martie Pareyzek, chairman of the decoration committee is to be complimented on her splendid work.

Mr. Snider seems to be acquiring a deep love for homemade corn. His latest expression is "Pardon the language." In one of his tests the other day one of the answers was "Speaker of the House." Mr. Snider used Mr. Cochran's very fine way of answering his own question by saying, "Should I say that the women are usually this?" Mr. Snider--we, the females of Crown Point, protest!

The girls' bowling league is doing very well this year, and there is a large turnout among all girls. This week the top team in the league is Lavonne Kaiser's. Sharon Reddick is the outstanding bowler of the week with 175 for her score.

Are you ready for the coming holiday season? Your school is decorated, the town has colored lights, and many of the homes have elaborate trees and trimmings. We hope you can get in the spirit of Christmas, and have a very enjoyable holiday season.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

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SPORT WRITERS: Al Phillips, Deke Dietel.

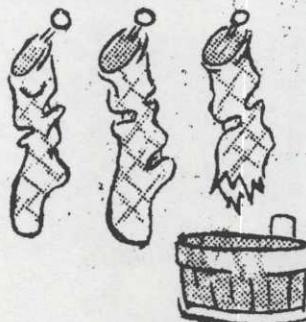
POETESS: Roberta Van Slyke
ARTISTS: Lyle Bratton, Ann Marie Bowers, Al Phillips.

PRODUCTION DEPT: Marge Phillips, Joann Smith, Joan Teagle, Pat Laney, Rosaline Gumbiner, Kathryn Stiener.

SPONSOR: Miss Lauterbur

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas and through all the schools
Not a creature was stirring--except for some fools
They were Phyllis and Billy, Anndora and I
Hard at work on the yearbook we hope you will buy.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
We sprang from room nine to see what was the matter.
The moon on the snow when we threw the door wide
Gave luster of mid-day to objects outside.
When what to our wondering eyes should appear
But an old-fashioned sleigh and eight jet propelled deer.
With a shadowy driver so lively and quick
We thought at the moment it must be St. Nick
More rapid than "Lightnings" his coursers they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name
Now freshmen, now sophomores, now juniors and seniors
On students and faculty--do'ors and dreamers,
To the edge of the drive and then into the hall
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!
As we drew in our heads and wore turning around
Into the hallway he came with a bound.
He was slender and tall, quite unlike any elves
And we stared when we saw him in spite of ourselves
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave us to know it was Walker instead.
"I was out helping Nick and then seeing the light
Stopped to see who was working at this time of night."
We pooped in the office when he had gone in.
He was checking the files with a satisfied grin.
As we watched he stood up. He had finished his work.
He locked up the cabinets and turned with a jerk.
Then laying a finger aside of his nose,
As he walked to the door, spoke this wise bit of prose:
"You must study and study! Try hard for an "A"
And St. Nick won't forget what you want Christmas day!"
Then a shudder of terror ran through every limb
And each face was contorted with horror so grim--
What a time to recall all the things that weren't done!
What a time to regret all the laughter and fun!
But we then heard him shout to restore our good cheer
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good year!!"



WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE?

This was the question asked by your roving reporter in recent interviews with various students in C. P. H. S. Some of the answers received are not printed here, but the following are a few of the more "subtle" ones.

AL TEAGLE--I have no comment for the press.

PAT GAUTHIER--I'm going to a party.

BILL PRANGE--I'm going to have a private party.

MARTHA DALTON--I'm going skating at Lansing and try to hook that cute guy I saw there a couple of weeks ago.

BOB PATTEE--I'm going out with my girl. (Joan Dunn, of course!)

JUDY MACINTOSH--My folks are going out so I'm elected to stay home and take care of my two little brothers. Of course Johnny's coming over.

PAT DONLEY--Aha! You'd be surprised!

JOEL MIKUTA--Goin' out with AL and have a rip-snortin' time.

DONNA GLASSFORD--I ain't gonna waste my time drinking coke!

DICK GIBBS--I'm going out to celebrate. Even though I haven't anything to celebrate I'm going to celebrate anyway.

GEMMA BRANDT--What do most people do on New Years Eve?

EDDIE CUTSHAW--Ha, ha, ha!

JACKIE HILL--Going out with Willy, naturally.

JIM LETSINGER--I'll probably go to the F. F. F. party.

PEGGY PROUDY--CENSORED

MONT WOOD--Just go out and have a good time.

BETTY WATSON--I'll be in Florida.

LUM REED--I'm going out with the boys.

CAROLYN FISHER--I'm going to the midnite show with Roger.

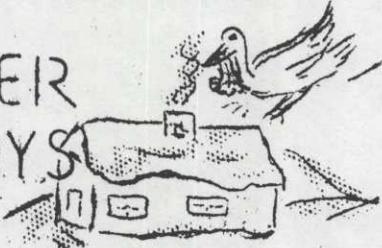
GWEN HARMEN--Going out with Bill.

JIM BILTZ--Pass the bottle.

DON HEDGES--Going to Cutshaw's party.

JOHN STRAKA--Going to the midnite show and then.....!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



On the day that John Brown departed from this world with a "gurgle," (he was hung, you know) Gerald Hummel entered it with a loud squawk. What date you say? On the second of December.

Walt Disney shares his birthday the fifth, with three C. P. H. S. students--Anthony Di Tomasso, Judy Kiefer and Wayne Reeder.

Poor George Middleton had a disastrous birthday in 1941. He celebrates December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) as his day of birth! The day Indiana was admitted to the Union (on the 11th) two C. P. H. S. "wards" were admitted into the Hart and Stuhlmacher families. They were Pat and Shirley respectively.

Donna Nice shares her birthday, the 13th, with none other than "Frankie Boy!" Sinatra that is.

On the 14th, the day that the Wright brothers took off on their first flight, Vernon Kors landed with a "thump" on good old terra firma.

Joan Stuhlmacher and Eva Worsley were two "delayed" Christmas packages. They arrived a day late on the 26th. Tell me girls, do you celebrate your birthdays on the 25th or the 26th? I've often wondered if you get talked out of the extra present.

G. A. A.

If you have seen the senior G. A. A. members trudging down the halls with shuffling feet and downcast eyes you have probably been wondering what they are so ashamed of. After skinning one freshman team by 40 points, a sophomore team by 28 points, and another freshman team by 11 points to win the G. A. A. championship. They lost the school championship to the 5th period gym class by a score of 37 to 22.

CARD

PLEASE



BAND NOTES



Have you ever noticed as you walk in the library the "poor suffering gal" seated daily by the reference shelf? She is the student librarian whose job it is to check books in and out for you, reshelve them, and answer the questions of helpless students--if she can!

In that seat 1st period you will see Sharon McGinnis working like an "eager beaver". This is her second year as a student librarian.

Always working, never playing, you will see Barbara Piper second period.

This is quite the job so Loretta Geisen thinks. Could it be that you get to talk to all your friends in that third period study hall, Loretta?

The period after dinner Joyce Hooseline sits there, patiently trying to listen to a student explain what book he wants while Civics assignments race through her mind.

Ramona Klein's only comment about her 5th period study hall duties was "I'm busy all the time."

There are lots of things to do in 6th period study hall so Jackie Ebert has found out as student librarian.

SHORE LEAVE



AT C.P.H.S.

C.P.H.S. welcomed back Dick Russel after a year in the U. S. Navy. Dick left school at the end of his junior year and now has entered C.P.H.S. as a senior. He received his boot-training at Great Lakes and was transferred to Memphis, Tennessee, to the Aviation Technical Training Center. There he again attended school. In the Airmen's school for eight weeks Dick studied math, physics, layout work, hand tools, fundamentals of a plane, and safety factors. As if this was not enough Dick then decided to go

When I got out to the band building the other day, I found that "Bubbie" Buche had been elected president with "flying colors". This is his fourth year in band. He now plays his alto saxaphone in first chair.

The vice presidential office is held by a Junior boy who has been in band ever since he entered high school. Bob (Barnecastle) sits in second chair this year playing his trumpet.

Altho Ellen Turnquist spends a lot of her extra minutes practicing her flute (this being her first year in band), she does find time to balance her books and count the money like every club secretary and treasurer.

I don't envy the student directors, Midge Blinn and Emma Kosma, at all. Just think how they will feel standing before a crowd directing a band number at the February 11, 1951, concert. Those lucky girls!

Don Sorenson has the job of seeing that all the equipment is set up for the band concerts. Don has played the trumpet for two years.

The flute and the piccalo take up a lot of Joan Smith's spare moments, but she took over the job of making extra copies of band music. More fun, huh Smitty?

The INKLING staff salutes these officers of the 1950-51 high school band.

on to the Aviation Structure Mechanics School for a fourteen week course in aircraft structure, welding, plastics, hydraulics, and aerodynamics. He was then stationed in Chickatee, Virginia, where he worked in a photo lab until his discharge.

Dick is now finishing his high school education and working as a photographer for the Crown Point Register. Again we say, "Welcome back, Dick!"

"NIGHTMARES" from THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

"What do I do with this guy's arm? It's too long and it has to bleed in the gutter...right and on top!"

"Cut it off! It'll bleed all right! Ha!"

It's only the Excalibur staff getting pictures ready to send to the engraver! Let me set you straight on this bleeding in the gutter and such.

When you want a picture to run off the edge of a page, you just "bleed it" or indicate by drawing red lines on it, which side is supposed to run off the page.

Or if you hear..."Toss me a grease pencil, dah-ling, I want to fix up this ugly face!"--It's not Katherine Hepburn preparing for a grand entrance...it's just someone from the mounting staff getting ready to put crop marks on a picture.

What do you mean "Don't engravers get tired of eating pictures?"

Oh! Crop marks! There's quite a difference between a horse cropping grass and an engraver cropping a picture.

If we have a large picture--with perhaps five people in it and we want only two of them, we draw lines across it with a grease pencil to show the engraver which one's we want....Grease pencil? Well, it's something like crayon..the big difference is that if a line gets drawn in the wrong place it can be wiped off and put where it belongs...Funny how inventors think of things like that!

If you hear..."Look out! You're going to tear that girl's head off!"...it has no technical explanation...It's just something that happens now and then when a picture gets stuck down in the wrong place...Rubber cement is strong stuff...you ought to smell it sometime!

Say---do you hear someone...Yeah! I have to be going...the

CHRISTMAS at C.P.H.S.

As I opened the door to the school Saturday, I was shocked to find Ralph Skoog standing on top of a ladder, waving his arms frantically. "Is he trying to fly?" I wondered. I approached him cautiously. "I'm only trying to find a way to hang up the wreaths and stay on the ladder at the same time," he remarked.

Then I noticed Bob Henderlong running round and round the ladder. Observing my questioning eyes, he quickly said, "I'm helping Ralph. You wouldn't want 150 lbs. to fall on your head would you?" I nodded thoughtfully and walked off.

Nearing the Annex, I saw Jerry Larson sitting by himself playing with paper bells, tying strings and humming....second childhood already? Then I saw Betty Coppage, Keith Patterson and Martie Paryzek scratching their arms, faces and necks and jumping around like three monkeys. "What happened?" I asked. "Have you ever put Angel Hair on a Christmas tree without itches?" They barked at me. Then I saw Mr. Scales. "Did you hear that Navy beat Army 14 to 2?" he called out. I had had enough and quickly escaped from the building.

Sunday things were in a little better shape. Nancy Kubal and Mr. Scales were busily trying to hang one strip of paper across the hall. When Nancy decided to go home, I went too -- to rest up. Let's thank the Student Council members and all the students that helped them to bring Christmas spirit to C. P. H. S. What do you say?

Boss wants something--Wonder what I did wrong now...?

If there's anything else you want to know I'll tell you about it later.

DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT



Wandering around after school one day this reporter heard a terrific commotion coming from the Kaiser-Dunn bowling alley. My curiosity being aroused, I cautiously sneaked in the side entrance. What excitement! What activity? What a sight! Thirty-two girls were frantically running around most of them in their stocking feet. Someone yelled, "I can't find my bowling ball!" Another voice promptly answered, "Then use your head!"

After searching under coats, scarves, books, mittens, and shoes I found a seat where I settled down to observe what else could happen.

Armed with bowling balls and shoes the girls stormed the alleys...."Look out! You just knocked down the pin boy!" Someone shouted, "Good, I'll mark it a strike!"

Over on one side of the room Donna Traves and Joan Scott were talking about vacations while Joy Shimko and Gemma Brandt were making bets on the next line.

At 6:30 p.m. most of the games ??? were finished and the mad scramble began. "Where are my shoes?" "I've lost my scarf!" Guess what? I bowled 43 tonight!"

Suddenly someone yelled, "Last one out is a monkey!" My terrified eyes saw a mass of faces and forms rushing toward the door and I was in the line of scrimmage!

I awoke several hours later and limped slowly out the door vowing that never again would I cover such a "dangerous assignment".

SHOPPING HINT

BY STRAK

Above the local pool hall here in Crown Point there is a man named Ray Austgen who makes hand tooled leather.

In his youth Austgen started to make differeny leather articles and decided to make it his career.

SHOP TALK

"We are experimenting with a new type of test in advance vocational machine shop. The test consists of several practical machine set-ups and machine operations which are more difficult than daily class work. These set-ups actually review the practical work which the boys have had. The set-ups are checked and various operations are given certain values and the total points determine the students grades," said Mr. Hale in a recent interview.

Some of the students found, after completing the tests, that they were not quite as good in machine-shop as they thought they were.

"This type of test is very popular and it is a reliable type of shop test," continued Mr. Hale.

Although the mechanical drawing students enjoyed the last 6 weeks, they were given from 3 to 5 tests. Mechanical drawing students had 5 tests and Architectural Drawing students had 3 tests. The test for Architectural students was based on constructions they studied on a recent visit to new homes.

One of the machine shop boys, John Tutza is drawing and designing a swivel vise. "This is very difficult, but good training," declared Mr. Hale.

About eleven years ago he attended a leather school in California but discovered that they could not teach him all he wanted to know so he went to work in California for an old man who owned a saddle shop. After a few years in this shop he returned to his home town (Griffith, Indiana), and started his own business. Now Mr. Austgen has many interesting leather items in his shop, all of which, it might be added, are hand-carved.

If you are looking for a fine Christmas present, why not go and see the many fine wallets, belts, and purses at Mr. Austgen's shop.

BANTER BY BETTY



Well here we are again. Just you and I and the other-----subscribers to Inklings.

"A little bird told me..." that CARMEN FRANCIS could care...about JIM WARNER, that is.

Just the other day my "bosom buddy" and I were discussing the absence of women in DICK BECKER'S life. That's bad considering JACKIE WILBURN just dies for him.

Now for one from my fiction and fact department. Is it true that CYNTHIA FAIRBURN likes EUGENE PLANTS.

Please disregard anything I've written in the past about CAROL BARMORE, JIM SCHMAL, CLARE MALLEY and JACKIE ROYSDEN. Here is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. C.G.S. J.R.C.M.

PAT KUIPER, it is said, would just simply give her right arm to be going to the Sunshine Hi-Y dance with a certain senior basketball player. No. 6 (Red jerseys) to be exact.

Here is a question someone asked me the other day. Maybe some of my readers can answer it: Why does MARIANNE BOCK always blush when DON SPURR looks at her.

The 64 dollar question. Who kissed BILL PRANGE under the mistletoe while he was delivering groceries to ROMA WALKER'S house.

Here is really one for the books. MARTHA DALTON sent JANET HEDLOFF'S picture into "The Thing" picture contest in Chicago.

I can't quite remember who gave me this note, but anyway here's what it said:

"Who were those four people in that black Pontiac in VESELY'S driveway last Friday night. We passed it three times--CAROL, are you and Jg guilty?"

My first question is: Who is Jg? And the second is: why would people be driving past three times on that lonely dark road? Hum-m-m-m.

VACATIONS



Santa will find most Crown Pointers at home in their wee little beds, but for others he will have to look far and wide.

Some of the people who are playing "hard to find" are C. P. students and faculty. To help Santa we are going to give a general idea of where they will be.

Wayne Strong is going to Florida for two weeks. I guess he just doesn't want a "White Christmas" this year.

Betty Burrage isn't particular because she and her family are going to travel through all the southern states--Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida for two weeks. Maybe she will see Wayne!

Miss Swartz must like a warm Christmas too! She is going to Tucson, Arizona to visit her brother. She is also going to Mexico for awhile.

Dave Knibbs is going to Mt. Vernon with his folks. They will spend two days there.

Laverne and Lyle are going to spend their two weeks with Laverne's grandparents who live in Winamac.

Bill and Bonnie are going to spend Christmas Day with some of Bill's relatives in South Bend.

United States here they come, but I'm going to stay home and see what I can of Santa on Christmas Eve.

The ushers at the show are doing all right for themselves. The good word is: BOB BLIMM and PAT WHITESIDE--BOB MCKAY and RAY VERKLER.

Flash! RAY CAMPBELL didn't slip, he wasn't pushed, he fell, for NADA DAVIS, that is.

To whom it may concern. Pic and Jon have mistletoe above the front door on the inside.

Well, happy monster, that's all for today. Look for BANTER by BETTY in your next issue of the Inklings.

HOLIDAY TOURNEY



BULLDOGS VS. TROOPERS

The 14th Annual Holiday Tourney will get underway this Thursday nite at 6:45 p.m. when the Pirates from Merrillville encounter the Dyer Indians. In the second game the Hub City five will take the floor against their down county rivals from Lowell. Friday nite will find the Panthers of Griffith battling East Gary last year's runner up and Hobart, last year's champs tusseling with the Indians from Demotte.

Saturday at 1:15 p.m. winners from games 1 and 2 will take the floor and at 2:15 p.m. winners from games 3 and 4 will meet. The victors of Saturday afternoon's games will meet the same nite at 8:15 for the Championship.

The Bulldogs will carry a 6 and 1 record into the tournament Thursday nite. So far in the 14 years of the tournament the Hub team has not come out on top but in 1941 and '44 they managed to go to the finals.

Last year the Hobart Brickies took home the beautiful trophy awarded when they out lasted the East Gary Eagles 54 to 49 in a give and take game.

In this writer's estimation this year's tourney will be wide open with no favorite.

Officials will be John Cover and Stan Dubis.

Here are previous tourney winners:

1936	East Gary	27	Tolleston	23
1937	"	39	Hobart	33
1938	"	33	Griffith	12
1939	Griffith	32	Tolleston	27
1940	East Gary	23	Dyer	18
1941	Griffith	36	C. P.	27
1942	No Tourney	- because of transportation difficulties.		
1943	Merrillville	25	Griffith	23
1944	"	30	C. P.	25
1945	Griffith	45	Lowell	37
1946	Hobart	40	Dyer	37
1947	Merrillville	42	Griffith	40
1948	"	51	"	40
1949	Hobart	54	East Gary	49

Jumping to an early 21 to 4 lead the Hub city five racked up its sixth win of the season 52 to 39 at the expense of the Wirt Troopers in Memorial Auditorium December 13th.

The Troopers made their only bid for victory in the 2nd quarter when they scored 12 quick points but the Bulldogs staved off the attack and held an 11 point margin at the half.

Al Phillips and John Friend paced the C. P. quintet with 13 points a piece. Veteran Jerry Peres led the Troopers with 15 points.

Incidentally this was the Bulldogs second Conference Game and after suffering their humiliating defeat a week before to Edison put the Bulldogs in a 1 win 1 loss standing in the conference.

INSIDE INTRAMURALS

With old Father Time creeping up on the intramural hardwood season, teams are fighting desperately to win each remaining game. The number one spot in the league is being fought for by three teams who are tied for first place.

Intramural Noon League Basketball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Badgers	4	1	.800
Cards	4	1	.800
Trotters	4	1	.800
Yanks	3	3	.500
Bulldogs	3	3	.500
Cubs	2	4	.333
Indians	1	4	.200
Bears	1	5	.167